

# Two Doses of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) are Required for North Dakota High School Juniors and Seniors



**2018 - 2019 School Year**

## Is your child up-to-date?

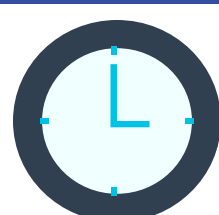
## What is Meningitis?

- Meningitis is a severe infection of the bloodstream and meninges (a thin lining covering the brain and spinal cord) caused by a bacteria or virus.
- Bacterial meningitis is usually more severe than viral meningitis, but is less common.
- The most severe form of bacterial meningitis is called Neisseria meningitidis (meningococcal).
- There are two different vaccines available to prevent meningococcal meningitis.



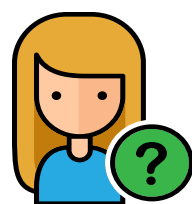
## What is Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)?

- MCV4 protects against four strains (A, C, Y, and W-135) of Neisseria meningitidis.
- All children entering 7th - 10th grades are required to be vaccinated with one dose of MCV4.
- Starting with the 2018 - 2019 school year, North Dakota 11th and 12th graders are required to have a second dose of MCV4.



**Don't wait until the last minute to have your child vaccinated!**

**Call your child's healthcare provider or local public health unit to schedule an appointment.**



**Ask if your child is due for any other vaccines.**

**Get a copy of your child's immunization record and give it to the school.**



Dose

**1**

**Recommended at 11-12 years of age. Required for 7th through 10th grade.**

Dose

**2**

**Recommended at 16 years of age. Required for 11th and 12th grade.**

For more information visit  
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